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PLAYER LIMIT RULE MAY BE
CHANGED BEFORE NEXT SEASON

(By Monty.)

New York, Oct. 21.—One of two things will occur before the start of the next baseball season. Either the National league will rescind its 21 player limit rule or the American league will adopt a similar measure. Influential magnates in the former are exerting pressure on those of the latter to have the younger league put through such a regulation. If they fail, they then will insist on the senior circuit raising the limit.

That is the way the situation stands today. The facts are learned from leading National league men who are taking most prominent parts in the agitation. They assert that they have a majority of the club owners with them and that they are certain to carry their point.

Thinking men in the Tanager circuit blame the present undenied and undeniable superiority of the American league in playing strength on the 21 limit rule. The younger circuit allows each club to carry 25 men during the season, whereas the older one restricts each team to 21. Thus, with each American league club able to

keep four more on hand, it has a better chance to develop young blood into stars.

Several instances might be cited where National league clubs had to turn loose highly promising material this year just because of the rigid restrictions in vogue. It was necessary, particularly in the case of the pennant contenders, to keep tried and true veterans on the job in preference to some youth. The possibility that the youngster might prove a star could not be considered.

The wall of the disappointed National leaguers seems well founded. They seem to be picking the correct excuse. It is hardly reasonable to think there is a much larger amount of baseball brains in the Ban Johnson organization and that the managers are simply keener in selecting and developing players.

Robinson, Moran, Stallings, McGraw, Tinker, Mathewson, Callahan and Huggins are fully as smart a bunch of team leaders as Carrigan, Jennings, Rowland, Donovan, Jones, Griffith, Mack and Fohl. A study of those lists of managers brings the

conclusion that they are about equal in ability.

With the brain argument killed, there must be a further search for the cause of National league inferiority. The only plausible explanation is the player limit rule.

Paid More for Players. Some American league sympathizers point out that club owners in their favorite organization have been less greedy and have paid more money for crack minor league material capable of development. They have paid out more in the last two years, but wasn't that also because of the higher player limit, that gave them room to carry more men on hand?

What can these Ban Johnson adherents say as to the spending of money a few years back? Didn't Barney Dreyfuss of Pittsburgh give \$22,500 for Marty O'Toole, who turned out a lemon? Didn't John McGraw of the Giants talk the owners of the New York club into handing over \$11,000 for Rube Marquard? There are plenty of other similar cases. Even this year, with the drastic 21 limit measure in force the Cubs paid something more than \$15,000 for Wortman, a young shortstop.

There is no denying the fact that the American league has paid something more for young talent recently than its rival, but his has been largely because the clubs in the senior circuit have been forbidden by legislation of their own making from having many new men around even if they were willing to give thousands for them.

Need Not Economize.

In its origin, the 21 limit rule was a wartime measure. It was put through in the days of the Federal league to force economy on the club owners, prevent them from making exorbitant salary offers to players to keep them from jumping. Thus, by making the clubs be reasonable they were all compelled to earn some profits or at least keep losses at a minimum during the trying days.

This reason for holding expenses down has passed now.

Perhaps old Ban Johnson was a wiser owl than some gave him credit for being. He refused to let his magnates put through a 21 limit regulation. Maybe he was playing a slick little trick of his own, as some National leaguers now hint. They suggest that Ban saw a chance to enhance the prestige of his outfit. Whether he had that in mind or not, there is no denying that this is just what happened. His league surely is much stronger now than the National.

The Dodgers, who captured the senior circuit's flag for Brooklyn, would have their hands full beating the Yankees and Browns which landed fourth and fifth in the other race. In the recent world series and the city series at St. Louis and Chicago the American league won all three events and in a total of 14 games lost only two of them. It was the greatest post-season cleanup in baseball history.

Kept Pennant Races Close. One thing the 21 limit has done for the National league has been to keep the pennant races close. If one club had an extra large bunch of talent on hand, it had to get rid of some of the men, which left an opening for other clubs in the circuit to grab the released ones. Thus nobody had a chance to build to a point where he could outclass the field.

This well-balanced and close race made it possible for even the tied tail-end clubs, Cincinnati and St. Louis, to make money. Both these teams were near enough in strength to the leaders to have a chance of winning any day,

and such uncertainty drew out the crowds.

There is not the slightest doubt that the National league clubs, altogether, made at least 30 per cent more money this year than did the American leaguers. This would seem to be an argument in favor of the younger league adopting a 21 limit measure.

Yet, on the other hand, the greater strength of the American league is an argument for the National to abolish its rules. If the grade of baseball slumps, the game in general will suffer. Is it not wiser to spend a little money fattening the golden goose rather than run the risk of killing him by economy? That is the question, the big question, before the baseball house as the winter league season opens.

You may paste this in your hat as an absolute statement of fact: As said before, either the American league will adopt a 21 player limit rule for the National league will abolish its rigid restriction when the winter meetings are held.

TIGERS SHUT OUT
BY CELLARITESBeers Holds Vernon Scoreless
—Six Scattered Hits Allowed.

San Francisco, Oct. 20.—Del Howard apparently picked up a world-beater when he selected Sammy Beer to do the flinging today. Sambo was as much a reversal of form as has the Oakland team. He treated the Vernontites to another shutout, beat them down by 6 to 0, and held the enemy to six hits, of which three were garnered in the eighth inning.

Oakland took the play away from Vernon right from the jump. In the first, Murphy smashed to center and Lane singled. Lane stole and on Kenworthy's hit, Murphy scored. Callahan overthrew first on Cunningham's grounder for the second tally.

Another was added in the second. Barry drove to the clubhouse and was sacrificed. Gleichmann mused up Callan's poke to first, and when Beer went out at first, Barry completed the circuit.

In the sixth Cunningham walked. Barry laced to left, while Berger sacrificed. Callan drove to left to score Cunningham, and when Daley's return throw to first was wide, Barry registered.

In the seventh there came another. Murphy grounded to short and Lane walked. Kenworthy singled past third and Cunningham hit to the shortstop. Callahan relayed to the plate with Lane downed, and Kenworthy, who had stolen second and taken third on the fielder's choice, got by the Vernon fielders as the ball was whipped around the diamond, diving in to beat a double play.

Score by innings—

Vernon: Runs 000 000 000—0
Hits 010 001 130—6
Oakland: Runs 210 002 10x—6
Hits 211 102 10x—8

EASTERN SQUADS
CLASH TODAY

New York, Oct. 20.—What appears to be easy games predominate in the schedules of the leading eastern college football teams for Saturday. Harvard plays the Massachusetts Aggies; Princeton meets Lafayette; Pennsylvania tackles Penn State; Cornell has Bucknell as an opponent; Army faces Trinity; Navy meets West Virginia Wesleyan, while Yale will be idle having played Virginia Poly this afternoon.

Of these teams, Pennsylvania appears to have the strongest opponent of the day, because Penn State has rolled up double-digit scores against every eleven met this season. Harvard faces the Massachusetts Aggies, which team made the Crimson work for a 6 to 0 victory in 1915, and the agriculturists are far from being as formidable as twelve months ago. Lafayette, which lines up against the Princeton eleven, is of much the same type, having yet to win a game this season.

The Cornell players are not likely to be hard pressed by Bucknell. In a general way the same situation prevails at West Point and Annapolis.

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BEAVERS WHIP
LOS ANGELESAngels Fail to Cinch Pennant
—Rip Hagerman Holds Angels to One Score.

Los Angeles, Oct. 20.—By losing to the Beavers this afternoon the Angels failed to clinch the Pacific Coast league pennant today, as they would have done had they won, as the Tigers were also beaten. The final score was 3 to 1.

Rip Hagerman made his last appearance against the Angels and did himself proud by holding the near pennant winners to one score and six scattered hits. His opponent was none other than the celebrated Jack Ryan, who gave way to a pinch hitter in the eighth frame.

The Beavers started after Ryan in the first and mused up the score card with three hits, but failed to bring home a tally. Therefore, they were forced to wait until the second frame, when one hit sandwiched in with a couple of walks and a wild heave scored Rodgers and Williams.

Portland slipped over their final run in the seventh when Evans walked, went to third on a single by Vaughn and home on Southworth's long sacrifice fly to Rodgers. After the seventh George M. Zabel took up the task of stopping the Beavers and held them scoreless, although two hits were registered off his delivery.

Rip Hagerman got himself into deep water in the fifth when he allowed a single and a double. Not being satisfied with that he allowed Koenner to score and McLarry to go to third when he made a wild heave to the grandstand. After that the Angels never had a chance to score.

John Powers, president of the Los Angeles baseball club, announced today that all the directors in the Pacific Coast league had agreed to allow the Angels to play a post-season game, the proceeds to go to the players. The exact date for the contest has not been set but the probable date is Sunday, November 5.

Score by innings—

Portland: Runs 020 000 100—3
Hits 312 000 111—9
Los Angeles: Runs 000 010 000—1
Hits 101 021 010—6

SAN FRANCISCO 7;
SALT LAKE 4Utes Relegated to Fifth Place
When They Lose Friday
Game to Seals.

Salt Lake, Oct. 21.—A sledgehammer rap was given the Utes' hopes of landing a first division berth when one Mr. Eric Erickson—a gent who consists of a large amount of anatomy done up in a needle-shaped bundle—essayed to hurl the pellet for Wolverton's trained pets yesterday afternoon. Not that Mr. Erickson was alone responsible for administering the rap. He had numerous accomplices in perpetrating the dastardly act.

A complete enumeration of the aforesaid accomplices follows: (1) Howard Gregory, (2) Bert Hall, (3) Shortstop Downey, (4) Frank Chance's Angels.

Howard Gregory earned his place among this company because he pitched three and one-third innings for Utes. In that time he had been picked on for five bingles and four runs. At the time he was derided he had filled the bases and had then walked Bodie, all of which had proved more than Malaria Bill Bernhard could tolerate.

Bert Hall earned his place in the list because he wobbled badly at stopping the raids of the Seals. During his activities on the mound he allowed but three hits and three runs. Bert was long on walks, which were responsible for the Seal's final tally in the ninth frame.

Downey finds his name attached to the list because he bobbed badly at two very inopportune moments, each time assisting one of Wolverton's men to a counter.

Lastly come the Angels and the reason they are mixed up in the Utes' tale of grief is because they allowed Portland to slip over a perfectly good 4 to 1 victory yesterday, thereby show-

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ing Salt Lake back into fifth place. Incidentally it is well that the results of Erickson's toil and mull be herein mentioned. The victory which Eric hung to his belt reads like this: San Francisco 7, Salt Lake 4.

The Utes were shuffled up yesterday and distributed as they were on the day previous. Bill Orr found himself chasing flies in the center garden in the place of Tommy Quinlan, who is still battered up as a result of being hit by a pitched ball Wednesday. Dick Bayless scampered around in right field as has been Shinn's wont in these later days. The reason for Shinn's absence was that he is riding a charley horse as a result of receiving a rap on his shin in the same game as Quinlan was hurt.

Bill Orr performed like a million dollars in the outfield, duplicating his performance of Thursday by nipping everything which sailed out in his neighborhood. In the fourth inning he received the crown for the prettiest individual play of the afternoon when he speared Sepulveda's fly with one hand after making a long run.

Jerry Downs came through with a circuit clout in the seventh inning with none on the bases. Jerry was the first man up and he connected with the first ball delivered, sailing it over the wall in left field.

Score by innings—

San Francisco: Runs 012 200 101—7
Hits 211 201 100—8
Salt Lake: Runs 011 000 101—4
Hits 122 000 202—9

U. OF U. FOOTBALL
BOYS WELCOMED

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 20.—With Coach Cromwell of U. S. C. heading the reception committee, the University of Utah team, which arrived in Los Angeles this afternoon to battle U. S. C. at Fiesta Park tomorrow, was accorded a hospitable welcome. Immediately after the arrival Coach Norgren of the Utes put his

CLUB STANDINGS

	PACIFIC	COAST	LEAGUE.
	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Los Angeles	115	74	.608
Vernon	110	86	.561
San Francisco	99	98	.503
Portland	90	92	.495
Salt Lake	92	95	.492
Oakland	68	130	.343

Today's Schedule.

San Francisco at Salt Lake.
Vernon and Oakland at San Francisco.
Portland at Los Angeles.

MINISTER SAYS THAT FOOTBALL IS ASSET TO CHRISTIANITY

St. Louis, Oct. 20.—Development of individual character means the development of Christianity, the Right Rev. William Lawrence, bishop of Massachusetts, told delegates to the general convention of the Protestant Episcopal church here today.

"A friend of mine called football the most spiritual game because it develops discipline, self-restraint and character," he said. "All of these make for religion."

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